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SUBJECT: MEXICAN PRESIDENT DELIVERS SEPT. 1 STATE OF UNION
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1. SUMMARY: THIS TELEGRAM PRESENTS BRIEF SUMMARY AND
LIMITED ANALYSIS OF ECHEVERRIA'S THIRD INFORME DELIVERED
TODAY. FURTHER ANALYSIS WILL FOLLOW.

2. AT MID-POINT IN HIS TERM OF OFFICE, ECHEVERRIA DELIV-
ERED HIS STATE OF THE NATION REPORT TODAY (SEPT. 1) BEFORE A FULL
HOUSE IN CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES. HE FOLLOWED HIS PREVIOUS
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CUSTOM OF WALKING FROM NATIONAL PALACE TO CHAMBER. HE

TOOK THREE HOURS TO READ THE INFORME AND WAS APPLAUDED 78 TIMES. SUBHEADINGS WERE AS FOLLOWS: INTRODUCTION, DOMESTIC POLICY, FOREIGN POLICY, DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, MESSAGE (PERORATION).

3. INTRODUCTION: ECHEVERRIA CHARACTERIZED PRESENT PERIOD AS ONE OF NATURAL ADVERSITY (WITH OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO RECENT FLOODS AND EARTHQUAKE) IN AN INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT MARKED BY ECONOMIC AND MONETARY DISORDER AND INCREASING "CLASS DIVISION" BETWEEN INDUSTRIALIZED AND POOR NATIONS. DISPUTES AND CONTRADICTIONS AMONG "POWERFUL FINANCIAL GROUPS" HAD LOOSED AN INFLATIONARY PROCESS WHICH, ALONG WITH SCARCITY OF FOODS, FUELS, RAW MATERIALS, PROVIDES NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR FINANCIAL "POWER CENTERS" TO PROFIT FROM NEEDS OF OTHERS AND TO EXTEND INVISIBLE BORDERS OF THEIR EMPIRE. RESULT IS DECADENCE OF AN (INTERNATIONAL) SYSTEM BASED ON "IRRATIONAL" CONCENTRATION OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC POWER. ECHEVERRIA DESCRIBED MAGNITUDE OF RECENT NATURAL DISASTERS BUT CALLED THEM CHALLENGE, NOT DEFEAT.

4. DOMESTIC POLICY: ECHEVERRIA CITED ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THIS AREA INCLUDING FOLLOWING:

A. CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM WHICH PERMITS MINORITY PARTIES BETTER CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATION;

B. NEW FEDERAL ELECTORAL LAW REDUCING NUMBER OF MEMBERS NECESSARY FOR REGISTRATION POLITICAL PARTIES;

C. ESTABLISHMENT OF 5-DAY WORK WEEK FOR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES;

D. PROGRESS IN DECENTRALIZATION PROCESS FOR 55 GOVERNMENT ENTITIES;

E. INCREASE IN CIVIC ACTION CAPABILITY OF ARMED FORCES AND THEIR ASSISTANCE IN COMBATTING CULTIVATION AND TRAFFIC IN DRUGS;

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F. PRESERVATION OF SOCIAL PEACE, DESPITE ISOLATED CASES OF TERRORISM;

G. ACTION TO "CORRECT" SITUATION AT NATIONAL AUTONOMOUS UNIVERSITY, WHICH BEING USED BY CERTAIN GROUPS FOR ILLICIT PURPOSES;

H. GRANTING OF ASYLUM TO 71 FOREIGN POLITICAL ASYLEES.

ECHEVERRIA CONCLUDED THIS SECTION CALLING FOR SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF THE PROBLEM OF POPULATION GROWTH. NOTING THAT MEXICO'S RATE OF POPULATION INCREASE IS ONE OF THE HIGHEST IN THE WORLD, HE POINTED OUT THAT MEXICO WOULD ENTER THE 21ST CENTURY WITH 135 MILLION POPULATION. HE CITED THE DEMAND OF MEXICAN FAMILIES FOR ORIENTATION ON FERTILITY CONTROL. HE REJECTED A POLICY PURELY "DEMOGRAPHIC" IN CONCEPT, BUT SAID MEXICO WOULD BE WRONG NOT TO RECOGNIZE THE GRAVITY OF THE POPULATION PROBLEM AND THE NEEDS IT WOULD ENGENDER. FINALLY HE REITERATED HIS ADMINISTRATION'S DEDICATION TO A "NATIONALIST AND REVOLUTIONARY HUMANISM."

5. FOREIGN POLICY: ECHEVERRIA CITED AS A CENTRAL AIM OF MEXICO'S DIPLOMACY THE "DIVERSIFICATION" OF FOREIGN CONTACTS AND AN INCREASE IN THE "PRACTICAL CONTENT" OF FOREIGN POLICY. HE APPLAUDED REDUCTION OF COLD WAR TENSIONS. AMONG CITED ACCOMPLISHMENTS OR NOTABLE EVENTS WERE FOLLOWING:

A. ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH BARBADOS, TANZANIA, GUYANA, ROMANIA, GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, NEW ZEALAND;

B. RECEIVING COMMERCIAL DELEGATIONS FROM 17 COUNTRIES AND SENDING MEXICAN TRADE MISSIONS TO NUMEROUS COUNTRIES;

C. REITERATION OF MEXICO'S OPPOSITION TO ALL TYPES OF NUCLEAR TESTS AND DEMAND FOR DESTRUCTION OF NUCLEAR ARSENALS;

D. ASSERTION THAT PREVENTION AND REPRESSION OF HIRSHACKING IS WITHIN EXCLUSIVE COMPETENCE OF STATE WHERE IT OCCURS;

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E. STATE VISIT OF CHILEAN PRESIDENT AS WELL AS VISITS OF EL SALVADORAN PRESIDENT, AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER.

F. SALE OF PETROLEUM AND GRAIN TO CHILE TO COUNTERACT STRATEGY TO ISOLATE THAT COUNTRY (APPLAUSE);

G. SUPPORT FOR "JUST DEMAND OF PANAMANIAN PEOPLE TO REESTABLISH RIGHTS OVER THEIR TERRITORY";
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H. ESTABLISHMENT OF MIXED ANDEAN-MEXICAN COMMISSION;

I. EFFORTS TO RESTRUCTURE OAS ON BASIS OF "IDEOLOGICAL
PLURALISM" AS REFLECTION OF PRESENT REALITY;

J. EFFORTS TO INCREASE TRADE AND TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGE;

K. SIGNATURE OF TREATY OF TLATELOLCO BY FRANCE AND PRC;

L. PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO SIX COUNTRIES (INCLUDING USSR
AND PRC);

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M. EFFORTS TO WIN SUPPORT FOR CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATE, WHICH "COMMUNITY OF NATIONS HAVE SUPPORTED"; ECHEVERRIA RECOGNIZED GRATEFULLY WORK OF WORKING GROUP ON CHARTER BUT SAID HE HAS ADDRESSED REQUEST TO UN SECGEN URGING "CHANGE IN MECHANISM TO ACCELERATE APPROVAL OF CHARTER."

ECHEVERRIA CONCLUDED THIS SECTION WITH A REFERENCE TO SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENT WITH US ON PROBLEM OF COLORADO RIVER SALINITY. HE SAW THIS AS A "TRIUMPH OF REASON AND RIGHT, JUST REWARD FOR TENACIOUS EFFORTS OF MEXICAN DIPLOMACY, AND PROMISING INDICATION FOR US-MEXICAN RELATIONS."

6. ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY

PRESIDENT NOTED THAT AFTER PERIOD OF CONSOLIDATION IN 1971, GOM ECONOMIC MEASURES WERE DESIGNED TO PROMOTE HEALTHY RATE OF ECONOMIC GROWTH. WITH MEXICO'S HIGH BIRTH RATE AND IN THE FACE OF LONG-DEFERRED SOCIAL DEMANDS, MEXICO'S ECONOMIC EXPANSION MUST CONTINUE. PRESIDENT REFERRED TO TAX REFORMS WHICH HAVE BROUGHT NEEDED RESOURCES TO PUBLIC SECTOR, INCLUDING NEW TAXES AND IMPROVED TAX COLLECTION. THESE REFORMS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO MEXICO'S INCREASE OF 20 PER CENT IN PUBLIC SECTOR REVENUES DURING PAST YEAR. OTHER FISCAL MEASURES HAVE FACILITATED THE IMPORTATION OF CAPITAL GOODS, HAVE SUPPORTED INDUSTRIAL DECENTRALIZATION (WHICH FAVORS THE MOST UNDER-DEVELOPED REGIONS OF MEXICO), HAVE ASSISTED IN THE CREATION OF BORDER INDUSTRIES, AND HAVE SUPPORTED THE MINING SECTOR.

THESE GOM ECONOMIC POLICIES, WHICH SPARKED THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY DURING 1972, RESULTED IN AN INCREASE IN MEXICO'S GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT (GNP) OF 7.5 PER CENT LAST YEAR, THE PRESIDENT STATED. HE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT CERTAIN SECTORS (NOTABLY AGRICULTURE) HAD BEEN DISAPPOINTING IN THEIR PERFORMANCE. THE RELATIVE FAILURE IN AGRICULTURE THE PRESIDENT BLAMED IN LARGE PART ON A CYCLE OF DROUGHTS AND FLOODS, AS A RESULT OF WHICH MEXICO HAD TO MAKE PURCHASES OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS FROM ABROAD.

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THE PRESIDENT NOTED THAT THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR, PARTICULARLY CONSUMER GOODS, HAD SHOWN A NOTABLE GROWTH RATE, AS DID THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR, AIDED BY PUBLIC SECTOR HOUSING PROGRAMS. MEXICO'S EXPORTS HAVE ALSO BEEN CLIMBING, AND DURING THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS HAVE AMOUNTED TO SOME 1,856 MILLION DOLLARS, ACCORDING TO ECHEVERRIA. TOURISM HAS INCREASED BY 11.9 PER CENT, AND TOURIST

REVENUES HAVE IMPROVED BY 22.7 PER CENT.

HOWEVER, IN THE FIRST MONTHS OF 1973, INFLATIONARY PRESSURES BECAME INCREASINGLY EVIDENT, AS SUPPLY WAS UNABLE TO KEEP UP WITH FAST-GROWING DEMAND. DEVELOPMENTS IN THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL WORLD EXACERBATED THE PROBLEM OF INFLATION IN MEXICO, THOUGH THESE DEVELOPMENTS WERE NOT SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR INFLATION HERE, THE PRESIDENT NOTED. FOR EXAMPLE, REDUCED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION CAUSED SCARCITIES WHICH INFLATED PRICES. THE PRESIDENT, IN A MUCH-APPLAUDED STATEMENT, ADDED THAT GOM FISCAL AND MONETARY POLICIES WERE MOST DEFINITELY NOT A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO INFLATION IN MEXICO.

FURTHER ON IN HIS ECONOMIC POLICY REPORT, THE PRESIDENT CALLED FOR IMPROVED INCOME DISTRIBUTION, CONTINUED ECONOMIC GROWTH, AND THE CONTROL OF INFLATION, DESCRIBING THESE AS THREE KEY POINTS IN HIS POLICY. LUXURY CONSUMPTION MUST BE CUT DOWN, PRICES MUST BE HELD IN LINE, AND PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT WHICH PROMOTES RAPID INCREASES IN PRODUCTION MUST BE ENCOURAGED, HE ADDED.

TURNING TO MEXICO'S INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY, THE PRESIDENT STATED IN STRONG TERMS THAT MEXICO HAD ABSOLUTELY NO INTENTION OF DEVALUING THE PESO WITH RESPECT TO THE DOLLAR, NOR HAD IT ANY INTENTION OF INTRODUCING EXCHANGE CONTROLS OF ANY SORT. HE DESCRIBED THIS POLICY AS A BASIC FACTOR GIVING CONFIDENCE TO THE SAVER AND INVESTOR IN MEXICO. HE NOTED THAT MEXICO'S RESERVES (AS MEASURED BY HOLDINGS OF GOLD, SILVER, AND FOREIGN EXCHANGE) NOW AMOUNT TO SOME 1.33 BILLION DOLLARS.

PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA CALLED ON MEXICAN LABOR AND MANAGEMENT TO WORK CLOSELY TOGETHER TO ACHIEVE THE PRODUCTION GOALS WHICH ARE REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN ECONOMIC GROWTH AND TO CONTROL INFLATION. HE APPLAUDED THE COMMERCIAL ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAVE DECIDED TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HOLD THE LID ON PRICES UNTIL MARCH 31, 1974.

IN DISCUSSION DEVELOPMENT POLICY, PRESIDENT INDICATED THAT STRESS DURING THE BALANCE OF HIS ADMINISTRATION WOULD CONTINUE TO BE TO GIVE MAXIMUM SUPPORT TO MEXICO'S COMPEXINO AND TO THE IM-POVERISHED RURAL SECTOR, TO WHICH MEXICO OWES A GREAT DEBT FOR HAVING BORNE THE BURDEN OF DEVELOPMENT IN THE PAST. DEPARTING FROM HIS PREPARED TEXT, PRESIDENT INDICATED THAT COOPERATIVE RURAL PROGRAMS FOR PURCHASES OF NEEDED EQUIPMENT AND FOR SALES OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS WOULD BE AMPLIFIED. THIS WILL BE A GRASS-ROOTS PROGRAM
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TO HELP CAMPESINO, AND NOT JUST SOME GRAND INTELLECTURAL SCHEME OF
CENTRAL PLANNING, THE PRESIDENT NOTED FORCEFULLY.

ALSO DEPARTING FROM TEXT, PRESIDENT CALLED ON MEXICAN
BUSINESS MANAGERS TO TURN AWAY FROM FOREIGN INFLUENCES, TO
DEVELOP A SPIRIT OF PATRIOTISM AND SANE NATIONALISM, AND TO WORK
THEIR HARDEST IN THE CAUSE OF MEXICAN GROWTH. AS MEXICO DEVELOPS,
ITS NEED FOR FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY AND FOREIGN INVESTMENT WILL
DECREASE, ALL TO MEXICO'S ADVANTAGE, THE PRESIDENT SUGGESTED. BUT
TO ACCOMPLISH THIS DEVELOPMENT, HE ADDED, DEDICATED MANAGEMENT
SKILLS ARE NECESSARY.

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ELSEWHERE IN THE DISCUSSION OF DEVELOPMENT, THE PRESIDENT NOTED THE GREAT IMPROVEMENT IN THE INCOME OF THE TOBACCO-GROWING CAMPESINOS

AFTER THE FOREIGN FIRM WHICH HAD BEEN BUYING FROM THE FARMERS AT LOW PRICES HAD BEEN REPLACED BY THE GOM'S TABAMEX.

HE ALSO MENTIONED THE COORDINATING COMMISSION FOR THE INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT OF TEHUANTEPEC, THE NEEDED DEVELOPMENT OF THE FISHING INDUSTRY, THE HELP TO MANY MILLIONS OF CORN AND BEAN-GROWING CAMPESINOS PROVIDED BY THE RECENT INCREASES IN MINIMUM PRICES FOR CORN AND BEANS (APPLAUSE), MASSIVE PUBLIC SECTOR PROGRAMS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING RAILROADS, THE GROWTH OF SHIPBUILDING AND REPAIR FACILITIES, IMPROVED TELEPHONE SERVICES (INCLUDING THE INSTALLATION OF TELEPHONE NUMBER TWO MILLION EARLIER THIS YEAR), AND PROJECTED IMPROVEMENT IN THE MINING INDUSTRY.

THE PRESIDENT ALSO DISCUSSED PROGRESS IN THE ENERGY FIELD, INCLUDING OIL AND ELECTRICITY, MAKING SPECIAL MENTION OF LAGUNA VERDE (NUCLEAR) AND CERRO PRIETO (GEOTHERMAL). HE ALSO REVIEWED PROGRESS IN OTHER INDUSTRIES, INCLUDING STEEL.

THROUGHOUT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SECTION, PRESIDENT REITERATED VIEW THAT FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND TECHNOLOGY, WHILE NEEDED AND WELCOME, MUST ALWAYS BE SUBORDINATED TO NATIONAL GOALS. "WE DO NOT WANT TO BE THE PASSIVE RECIPIENTS OF SCIENTIFIC METHODS WHICH HAVE NOT BEEN DEVELOPED WITH OUR NEEDS IN MIND, OR WHICH MERELY SERVE THE PRODUCTION STRATEGY OF MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATIONS," HE STATED. THE NEW FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND TECHNOLOGY LAWS, THE PRESIDENT ADDED, WERE DESIGNED WITH THIS THOUGHT IN MIND.

7. EDUCATION: ECHEVERRIA'S COMMENTS, SIMILAR TO LAST YEAR'S FOCUSED ON STATISTICS, E.G. SCHOOLS BUILT, SCHOLARSHIPS GRANTED. HE DEPLORED LACK OF BALANCE BETWEEN ORGANIZATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATES, AND PROMISED (WITHOUT SPECIFIC DETAIL) EARLY SUBMISSION OF PROJECT OF LAW ADDRESSING PRESENT EDUCATION NEEDS OF THE COUNTRY.

8. SOCIAL POLICY: PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA CITED ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THIS AREA, PAID TRIBUTE TO CONTRIBUTION OF LABOR

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MOVEMENT TO ECONOMIC GROWTH AND ACHIEVEMENT OF SOCIAL JUSTICE. HE REASSERTED RIGHT TO STRIKE, DISCUSSED ISSUE OF 5-DAY WORK WEEK FOR NON-FEDERAL EMPLOYEES (SEE ABOVE),

CITED ESTABLISHMENT OF A MIXED STUDY COMMISSION ON THIS CONTROVERSIAL PROBLEM, AND WELCOMED SUGGESTIONS FROM THE INTERESTED SECTORS WHICH WOULD RELATE REDUCTION IN WORK WEEK WITH REAL INCREASE IN PRODUCTIVITY. HE CITED INCREASES AND IMPROVEMENTS IN FIELD OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE; HOUSING FOR WORKERS, CIVIL SERVANTS, AND ARMED FORCES; AND IN MASS TRANSIT. AGAIN, AS LAST YEAR, HE NOTED WITH CONCERN DETERIORATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND CALLED FOR ACTIVE PUBLIC SUPPORT IN LOWERING POLLUTION AND CONTAMINATION LEVELS.

10. MESSAGE. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ECHEVERRIA SAID, AT EVERY STEP MEET OPPOSITION FROM POWERFUL INTERESTS AND DEEPROOTED PREJUDICES. MEXICO SHOULD NOT LOSE ITSELF IN THE LABYRINTH OF AN "IMITATIVE CONSUMER SOCIETY." THE ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION IS NOT BUREAUCRATIC ROUTINE, AND HE FREQUENTLY LEAVES HIS DESK TO FACE CONCRETE PROBLEMS. HE TRAVELED ABROAD, LIKEWISE, TO REAFFIRM MEXICO'S INTERNATIONAL DOCTRINE. PRIVILEGED GROUPS
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CONFUSE GENERAL PROGRESS WITH THEIR OWN SPECIAL INTERESTS. SOCIAL PEACE, HOWEVER, WILL NOT LAST IN A CONTEXT OF INJUSTICE. HE CONCLUDED WITH A CALL FOR NATIONAL UNITY AND PROGRESS.

1. RESPONSE OF CONGRESS TO INFORME:

DEPUTY LUIS DANTON RODRIGUEZ OF GUANAJUATO REPLIED TO THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS ON BEHALF OF THE CONGRESS, BRIEFLY SUMMARIZING ITS MAIN POINTS AND STRESSING THAT DEVELOPMENT IS A MEANS TO SOCIAL JUSTICE. HE PRAISED THE PRESIDENT'S EFFORTS TO AID ALL MEXICANS, CALLING HIM A "MORAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LEADER" AND CONCLUDED BY QUOTING THE STATEMENT THAT HE WHO BELIEVES IN MEXICO SERVES MEXICO.

12. COMMENT

NATIONALISTIC IN TONE, THE SPEECH RECEIVED MOST EMPHASIS IN DELIVERY WHEN ECHEVERRIA DISCUSSED THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL CORPORATIONS OPERATING IN MEXICO. IN GENERAL, HEAVIEST EMPHASIS WAS UPON ECONOMIC MATTERS. HIS EARNEST COMMENTS ON THE PROBLEM OF POPULATION INCREASE WERE A CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR, WHEN HE DID NOT MENTION THE SUBJECT. HIS REFERENCES TO CHILE AND PANAMA WERE SOMEWHAT GRATUITIOUS BUT WARMLY APPLAUDED. EMBASSY'S INITIAL IMPRESSION NOTES STRONG SIMILARITY IN TONE AND CONTENT BETWEEN THIS AND EARLIER INFORMES, WITH CONTINUED EMPHASIS ON REFORM AT HOME, DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL JUSTICE, NATIONALISM, AND ACTIVE ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. WITH REGARD TO MATTERS OF BILATERAL INTEREST, ECHEVERRIA COMMENTED THAT A PERMANENT AND DEFINITIVE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF THE SALINITY OF THE COLORADO RIVER WATER HAS BEEN ASSURED BY MINUTE #242 OF THE INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATERS COMMISSION. HE CHARACTERIZED THE SETTLEMENT AS A "TRIUMPH OF REASON AND THE LAW, A JUST COMPENSATION FOR THE TENACIOUS EFFORTS OF MEXICAN DIPLOMACY AND A PROMISING EVENT IN MEXICO'S RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES," THEREBY ALLOCATING MOST OF THE CREDIT FOR THE SOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM TO MEXICO. HE DID NOT MENTION THE PROBLEM OF ILLEGAL MEXICAN IMMIGRANTS

IN THE US AND REFERRED TO COOPERATIVE EFFORTS TO STOP THE FLOW OF DRUGS INTO THE US ONLY IN PASSING, WHEN HE COMMENTED ON THE CAPABILITIES OF THE MEXICAN ARMY. HE REITERATED MEXICO'S SUPPORT OF THE PANAMANIAN PEOPLE IN THEIR JUST DEMAND TO REESTABLISH THE "PLENITUDE OF THEIR RIGHTS TO THEIR TERRITORY." HE ALSO REAFFIRMED MEXICO'S OPPOSITION TO BOTH NUCLEAR TESTING AND THE EXISTENCE OF NUCLEAR ARMS. HE RESTATED MEXICO'S POSITION THAT IDEOLOGICAL PLURALISM IS A REALITY WHICH MUST BE RECOGNIZED AS A FUNDAMENTAL PART OF CONTINENTAL COEXISTENCE. COMMENTING UPON THE OAS, HE MENTIONED THAT MEXICO DOES NOT ACCEPT EXTENSIVE INTERPRETATIONS OF TREATIES WHICH CONTAIN PROVISION FOR INTERVENTION IN ANOTHER NATION. ASIDE FROM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE SALINITY ISSUE, FOR SOLUTION OF WHICH HE TOOK ALMOST COMPLETE CREDIT, HE GENERALLY IGNORED ISSUES OF FUNDAMENTAL BILATERAL IMPORTANCE. IN SHORT, HIS REFERENCES TO US WERE SPARSE, RESTRAINED, AND NOT PARTICULARLY WARM. MCBRIDE

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